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FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS AT SEATTLE DURING JULY

During July, the fourth month of the 1941 halibut season, the United States halibut fleet landed 3,249,000 pounds of fishery products, worth \$407,000, at Seattle as the result of 128 trips to North Pacific grounds, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Seattle Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with July 1940, when a total of 3,715,000 pounds was landed, valued at \$363,000, the 1941 figures represent a decrease in volume of 466,000 pounds, but an increase in value of \$44,000.

Species landed in July of this year included 3,041,000 pounds of halibut (1,662,000 pounds of No. 1, and 1,379,000 pounds of No. 2), worth \$395,000; 16,000 pounds of "lingcod," valued at \$565; 29,000 pounds of rockfishes, at \$1,288; and 163,000 pounds of sablefish, at \$9,651.

For the first seven months of 1941, halibut fleet landings at Seattle total 13,316,000 pounds, valued at \$1,407,000. Compared with 13,578,000

pounds, worth \$1,268,000 for the same period in 1940, this represents a decrease of about 262,000 pounds in volume, but an increase of \$139,000 in value.

Total halibut landings on the Pacific Coast by United States and Canadian vessels for July, the fourth month of the 1941 season, amount to 7,475,000 pounds. Compared with a total of 9,943,000 pounds for the same month in 1940, this shows a decrease of about 2,468,000 pounds in volume for 1941. In addition to Seattle, these landings are made at Juneau, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Sitka, Wrangell, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, and Vancouver Island ports.

Miscellaneous receipts, by Seattle wholesale dealers, exclusive of the halibut fleet and fish received from Alaska and Canada, totaled 4,592,000 pounds, valued at \$335,000, divided among 21 classifications. Compared with 4,262,000 pounds, worth \$309,000, received during July 1940, this represents an increase in volume of 330,000 pounds, or 8 percent, and about \$26,000, or 8 percent, in value.

Total halibut and salmon (fresh and frozen) receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers for July 1941 amounted to 6,526,000 pounds; for the same month last year the total was 7,258,000 pounds.

The monthly summary also lists coastwise vessel receipts from Alaska (283,000 pounds, fresh and frozen); imports from British Columbia (508,000 pounds fresh and frozen); Alaska troll salmon receipts (2,141,000 pounds); and halibut and troll salmon landings at Eureka, California (201,000 pounds).

Carload shipments of fresh fish, sent East in July via express, totaled 113-49 from Seattle and 64 from Prince Rupert.

Average fishermen's prices and price ranges, as paid in Seattle and Alaska, also are listed in the report.